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## LITANIES: A RITUAL READING FOR AUDRE LORDE

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***Conducted by Courtney Desiree Morris  
Featuring Alexis Pauline Gumbs***

With readings by Xtal Azul, Kiara Brown, Andrea Canaan, champoy, Malkia Devich-Cyril, Ashara Ekundayo, Shah Hussein, Alie Jones, Pratibha Parmar, Canyon Sam, Kiara Sample, Dora Silva Santana, Dagmar Schultz, Eric Stanley, Amara Tabor-Smith, Leila Weefur, Nellie Wong & more.

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### ***About Audre Lorde (1934-1992)***

"The Black feminist, lesbian, poet, mother, and warrior was a native New Yorker and daughter of immigrants. Both her activism and her published work speak to the importance of struggle for liberation among oppressed peoples and of organizing in coalition across differences of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, age and ability."

— *The Audre Lorde Project*

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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***The ritual begins at 6:30  
and ends at 8:30  
Doors close at 9***

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*Litanies* is the third installation in the *Readings*, a series of live ritual performance readings of the work of Black literary ancestors of the African Diaspora. Acting as a choir director, Morris invites the readers to perform as a polyphonic choir to create sound, music, and movement through an embodied engagement with the text. The public is invited to bear witness through listening, stillness, and call-and-response.

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The invitation is to allow Spirit to move through you, and to be fully present in the moment.  
Move. Dance. Laugh. Cry. Pause. Sit quietly.  
Celebrate your aliveness, your ashé.  
Move in a way that feels honest to you and respectful to the space.